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FOR: NOVEL VECTOR FOR INTRODUCING A GENE  
INTO A PLANT USING A SELECTABLE MARKER

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 5, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

A<sup>1</sup>  
--1. (Amended) A vector for introducing a gene into a plant, which comprises:  
a desired gene, wherein the desired gene is not a selectable marker gene, and  
a plant hormone signal transduction gene as a selectable marker gene.--

Please add the following claims.

A<sup>2</sup>  
--10. (New) The vector of Claim 1, wherein the desired gene encodes an enzyme.